

transmitter capable of transmitting locational data regarding the vehicle is installed within the vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a signal in response to a change in the loan status;

(b) establishing a data link from a base terminal to the transmitter upon the receipt of the signal representative of a change in the loan status;

(c) transmitting locational data from the transmitter to the base terminal via the data link; and

(d) determining the location of the vehicle from the locational data transmitted to the base terminal for use in confiscating the vehicle.

2 ~~17~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~16~~ wherein the change in the loan status includes the loan entering into a default condition.

3 ~~18~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~16~~ wherein the change in the loan status includes the loan entering into a delinquent condition.

4 ~~19~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~16~~ wherein a base communication receiver capable of receiving a transmit request signal is installed within the vehicle, step (b) further comprises the steps of:

(1) establishing a data link from a base terminal to the base communication receiver upon the receipt of a signal representative of a default condition in the loan status; and

(2) receiving a transmit request signal from the base terminal with the base communication receiver via the data

link.

5 ~~20~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~19~~⁴ wherein step (b) further comprises the steps of:

(1) establishing the data link from the base terminal to the base communication receiver at predetermined intervals prior to any receipt of a signal in response to a change in the loan status; and

(2) receiving locational data transmitted from the transmitter to the base terminal via the data link to verify the operation of the base communication receiver.

6 ~~21~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~16~~¹ wherein step (b) further comprises the steps of:

(1) establishing the data link from the base terminal to the transmitter at predetermined intervals prior to any receipt of a signal in response to a change in the loan status; and

(2) receiving locational data transmitted from the transmitter to the base terminal via the data link to verify the operation of the transmitter.

7 ~~22~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~21~~⁶ wherein step (b) further comprises the step of:

(3) storing the locational data.

8 ~~23~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~16~~¹ wherein the transmitter is capable of sensing physical tampering therewith and transmitting a tamper signal in response to any sensed tampering, step (b) further comprises the step of:

(1) establishing the data link from the base terminal to the transmitter upon the sensing of any physical tampering with the transmitter.

⁹24. (New) The method of Claim ¹16 wherein the vehicle has an alarm, a base communication receiver capable of receiving a vehicle alarm signal is installed within the vehicle, step (d) further comprises the step of:

(1) transmitting a vehicle alarm signal from the base terminal to the base communication receiver via the data link for enabling the vehicle alarm.

¹⁰25. (New) The method of Claim ¹16 wherein a base communication receiver capable of receiving a vehicle deactivation signal is installed within the vehicle, step (d) further comprises the step of:

(1) transmitting a deactivation signal from the base terminal to the base communication receiver via the data link for deactivating the vehicle.

¹¹26. (New) The method of Claim ¹16 wherein a GPS positioning signal receiver is installed within the vehicle and the transmitted locational data is based upon a received GPS positioning signal.

¹²27. (New) The method of Claim ¹16 wherein the transmitter is a cellular phone.

¹³28. (New) The method of Claim ¹16 wherein the base terminal is mobile.

¹⁴29. (New) The method of Claim ¹³28 wherein step (d) further comprising the step of: